

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

**29th Meeting of the Standing Committee
Gland, Switzerland, 26-28 February 2003**

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Agenda item 6.3

Election of STRP members and Chair

Action requested: The Standing Committee is requested to note the list of nominations received from Contracting Parties for the appointment of members of the STRP, and that a further paper providing an analysis of nominations and recommendations for appointments will be circulated, to the members of the Standing Committee only, in mid-February 2003.

1. As approved by COP8 (Resolution VIII.28), the appointment of the members and Chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) for the 2003-2005 triennium will be made by the Standing Committee at its first meeting of the triennium.
2. Owing to the small number of nominations for membership of the STRP received by the Bureau prior to COP8, following COP8 the Bureau issued a renewed call to Contracting Parties for nominations, with a deadline of 30 January 2003.
3. A significant number of further nominations have been made by Contracting Parties in response to this renewed call. A total of 44 nominations which are administratively complete have been received by the Bureau. These are listed in the Annex to this note. One nominee has subsequently withdrawn his nomination. Five further nominations remained administratively incomplete.
4. The number of STRP members to be appointed from each Ramsar region, and the number of completed nominations received, is as follows:

Region	No. of members	No. of complete nominations
Africa	3	9
Asia	3	10
Europe	4	13
Neotropics	3	7
North America	1	2
Oceania	1	2

5. Note that for the Asia and the Neotropics regions, the entry into force of the Convention in one more country in each region permits the pro-rata appointment of a third member of the STRP for each of these regions, in line with the procedures agreed by COP8 for Standing Committee regional membership.
6. Therefore it is appropriate that three STRP members from each of these regions are appointed by the Standing Committee. The appointment of the third member from Asia would formally become effective on 12 March 2003, when the Convention enters into

force in the Kyrgyz Republic. The appointment of the third member for the Neotropics would be effective from a later date not yet known.

7. The Bureau is preparing a matrix analysis of the attributes and expertise of the nominees in relation to the requirements and expertise required of STRP members as established by the *modus operandi* of the STRP (Resolution VIII.28). This, together with the nomination forms provided by all nominees and recommendations for appointments of the members and Chair of the STRP for 2003-2005, will be circulated in mid-February 2003 to the members of the Standing Committee only for their consideration.

ANNEX

STRP 2003-2005 :
Administratively complete nominations received by 30 January 2003

Region/Name	Country
Africa	
Mme Ouahiba <u>Meddour</u>	Algeria
Mr Jean-Marie Bukuru	Burundi
Dr Almamy Camara	Gambia
Mr Manikchand Puttoo	Mauritius
Prof. Mohamed Dakki	Morocco
Dr Adamou Mahaman Moustapha	Niger
Dr Heather MacKay	South Africa
Prof. Steven Njuguna	Kenya
Prof. Raphael B.B. Mwalyosi	Tanzania
Asia	
Mr Abdul Qader Khamis	Bahrain
Mr Aziz Najafov	Azerbaijan
Dr CUI Lijuan	China
Prof. WANG Xuelei	China
Dr Sidarth Kaul	India
Mr Mahdavi Mohammad	I.R. of Iran
<i>Dr Remwen Ortal</i>	<i>Israel</i>
Prof. Ho Sinn-Chye	Malaysia
Mr Najam Khurshid	Pakistan
Dr Utis Kutintara	Thailand
Prof. Le Dien Duc	Viet Nam
Europe	
Prof. Gert Steiner	Austria
Prof. Eckhart Kuijken	Belgium
Prof. George Zalidis	Greece
Mr Luis Costa	Portugal
Dr Grigore Baboianu	Romania
Mrs Tatiana Minaeva	Russian Federation

Prof. Alenka Gaberscik (Ms)	Slovenia
Prof. Juan Antonio López-Geta	Spain
Dr Maria-José Viñals (Ms)	Spain
Prof. Uygur OZESMI	Turkey
Mr David Stroud	United Kingdom
Msc Ana Paunovic (Ms)	Yugoslavia
Dr Voislav Vasic	Yugoslavia
Neotropics	
Dr Yara Schaeffer Novelli (Ms)	Brazil
Sr Elier Tabilo Valdivieso	Chile
Dr Jorge Jiménez Ramon	Costa Rica
Prof. Teresita Borges (Ms)	Cuba
Dr Roberto Jiménez	Ecuador
Mr Sergio Lasso	Ecuador
Prof. Francisco Daniel Rilla Manta	Uruguay
North America	
Mr Randy Milton	Canada
Dr Francisco Contreras Espinosa	Mexico
Oceania	
Dr Max Finlayson	Australia
Dr Philippe Gerbeaux	New Zealand